

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fifth Plymouth Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fifth Plymouth Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.3% (402) of these admissions reside in the Fifth Plymouth Representative District.¹

Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fifth Plymouth Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 67% were male and 33% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 95% were white non-Latino, 1% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 55% were never married, 24% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 14% had less than high school education, 57% completed high school, and 29% had more than high school education.
- 38% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 32% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fifth Plymouth Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	58%	21%	3%	3%	3%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Fifth Plymouth Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	223	200	52	52	22	17	22
FY '96	227	191	66	56	22	54	41
FY '97	287	254	63	62	29	46	34
FY '98	344	306	95	89	48	66	59
FY '99	317	282	95	83	41	57	48
FY '00	363	312	104	100	51	77	58
FY '01	416	331	118	109	57	103	62
FY '02	428	353	102	96	53	96	60
FY '03	402	323	110	98	44	105	70